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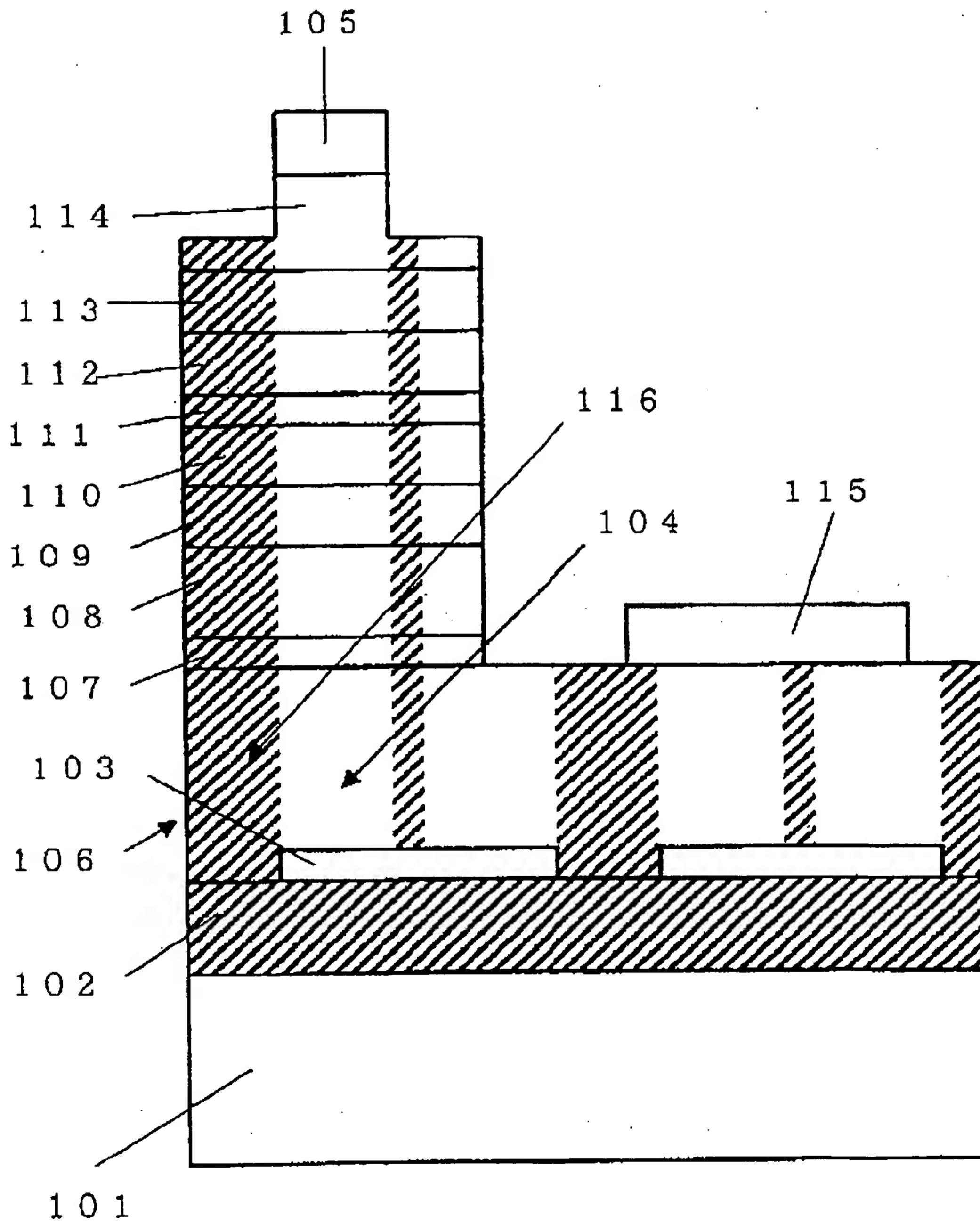


FIG. 2 prior art

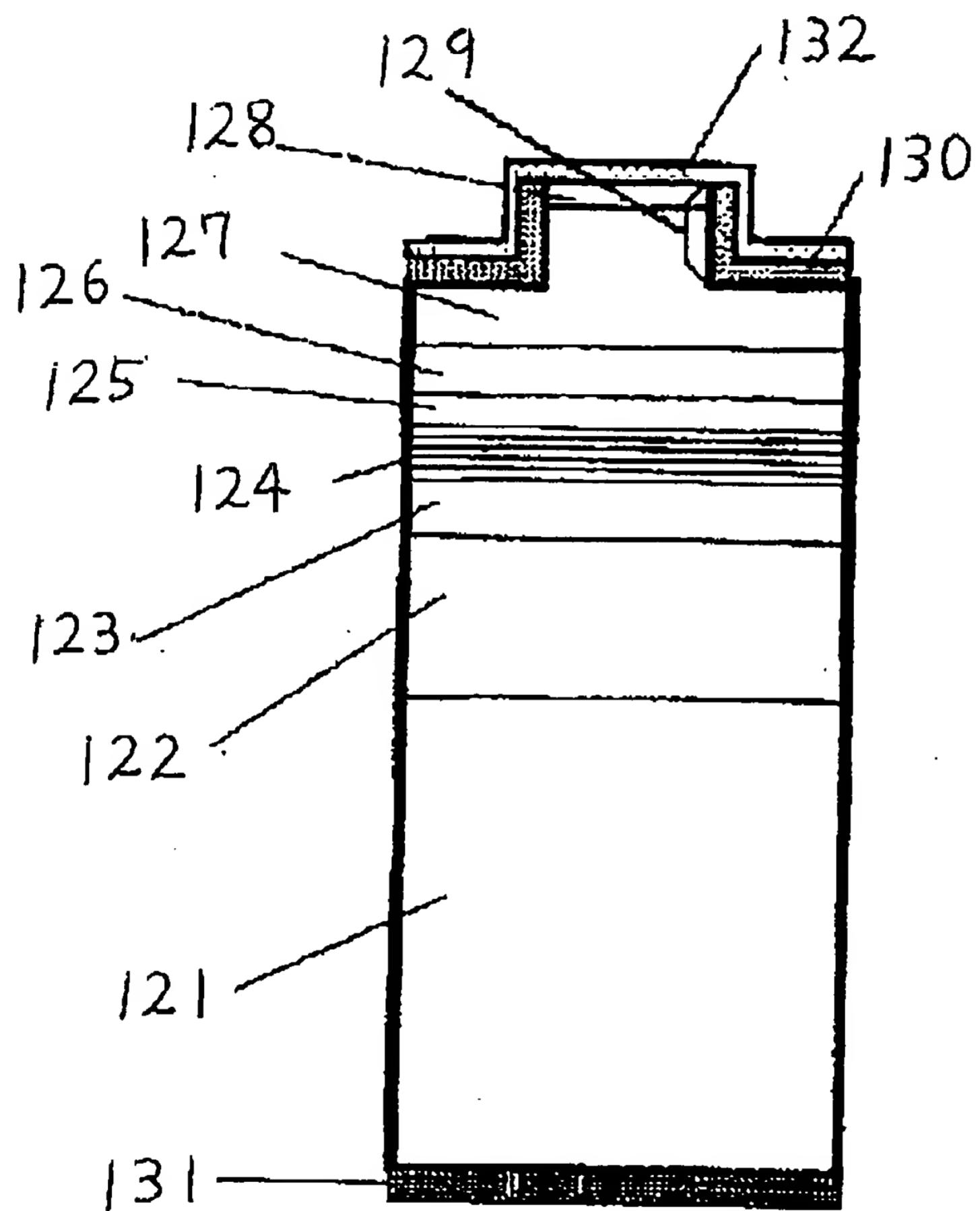


FIG. 3 prior art

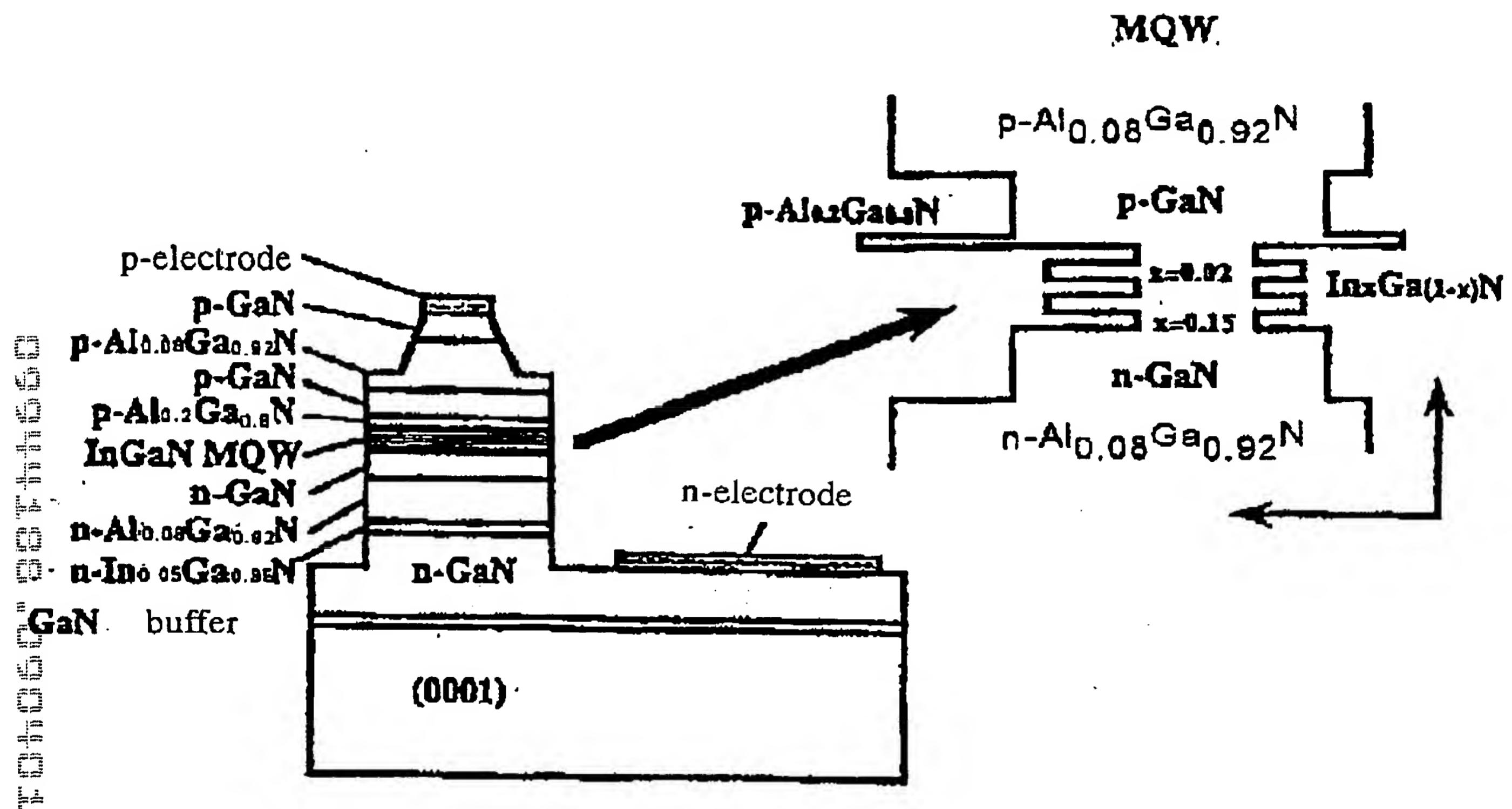


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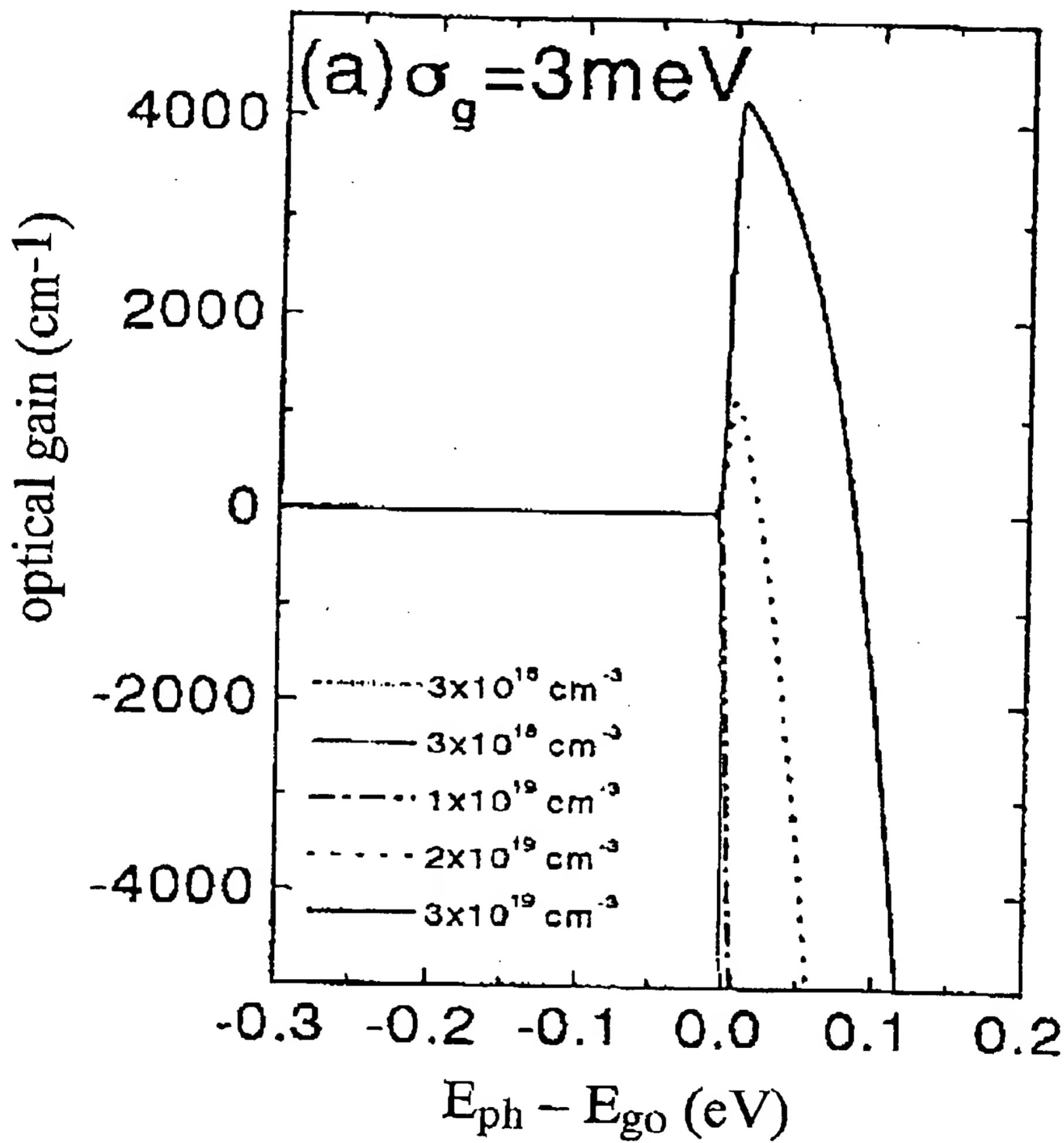


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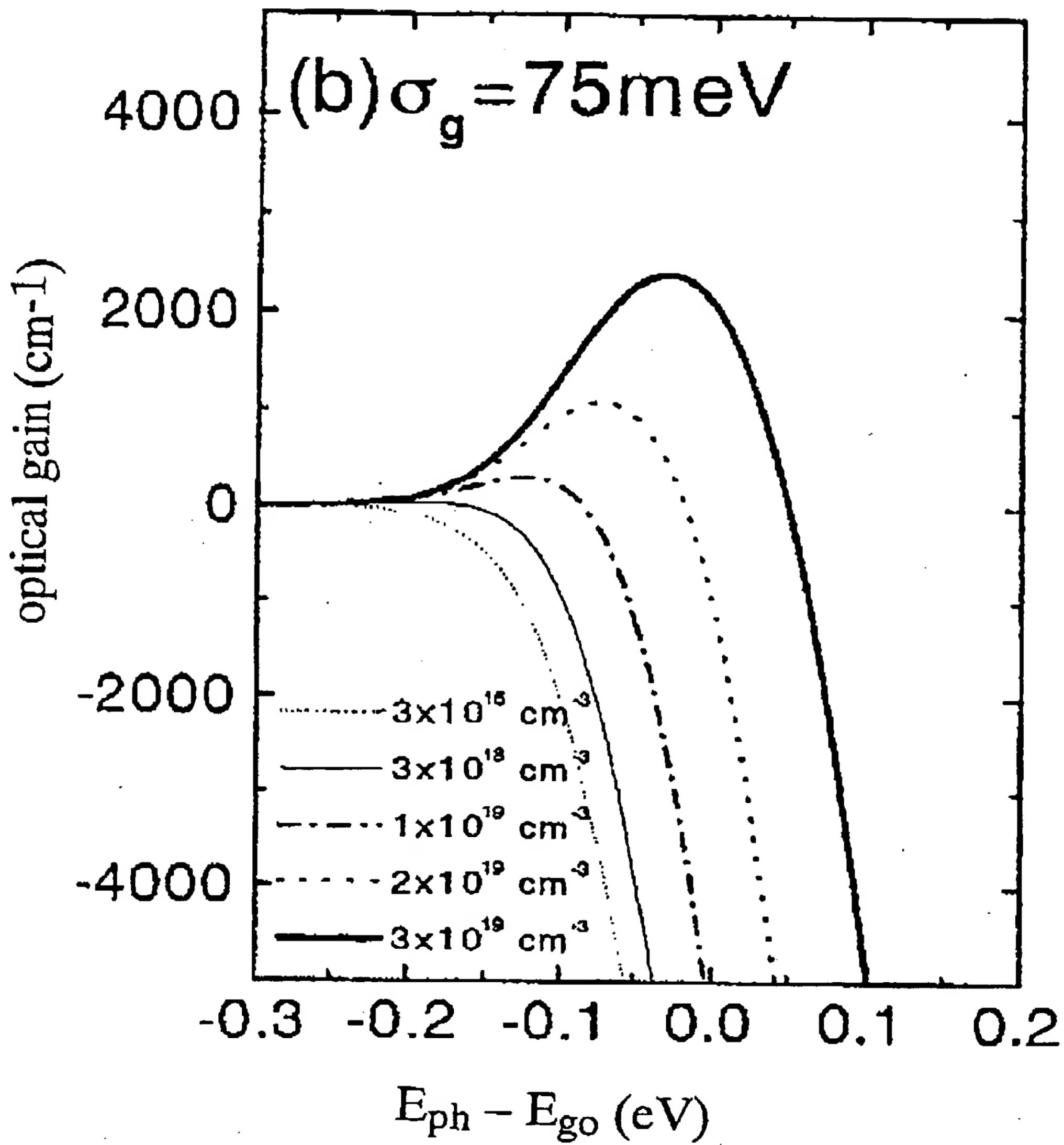


FIG. 6

threshold mode gain (cm^{-1})
for single quantum well

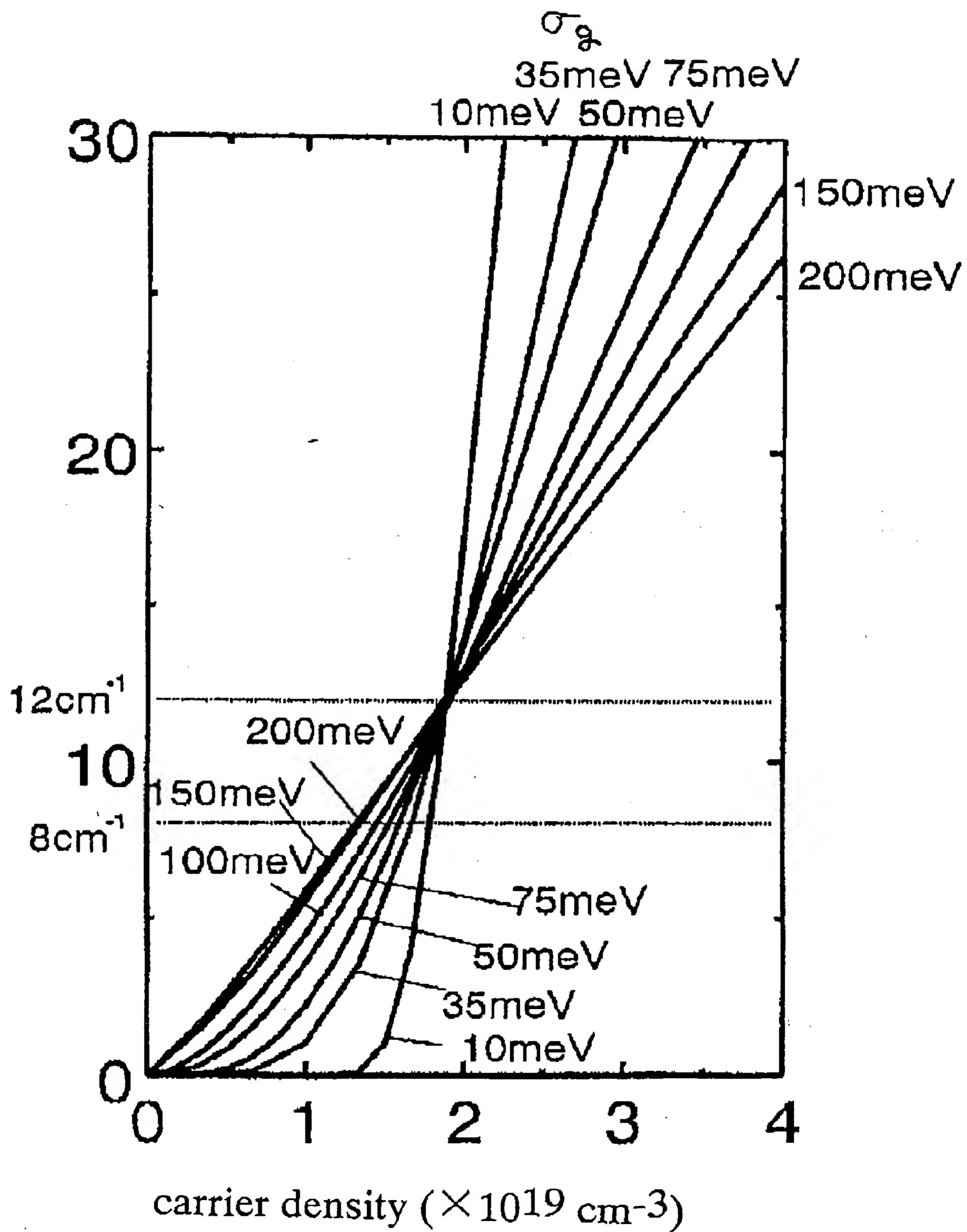


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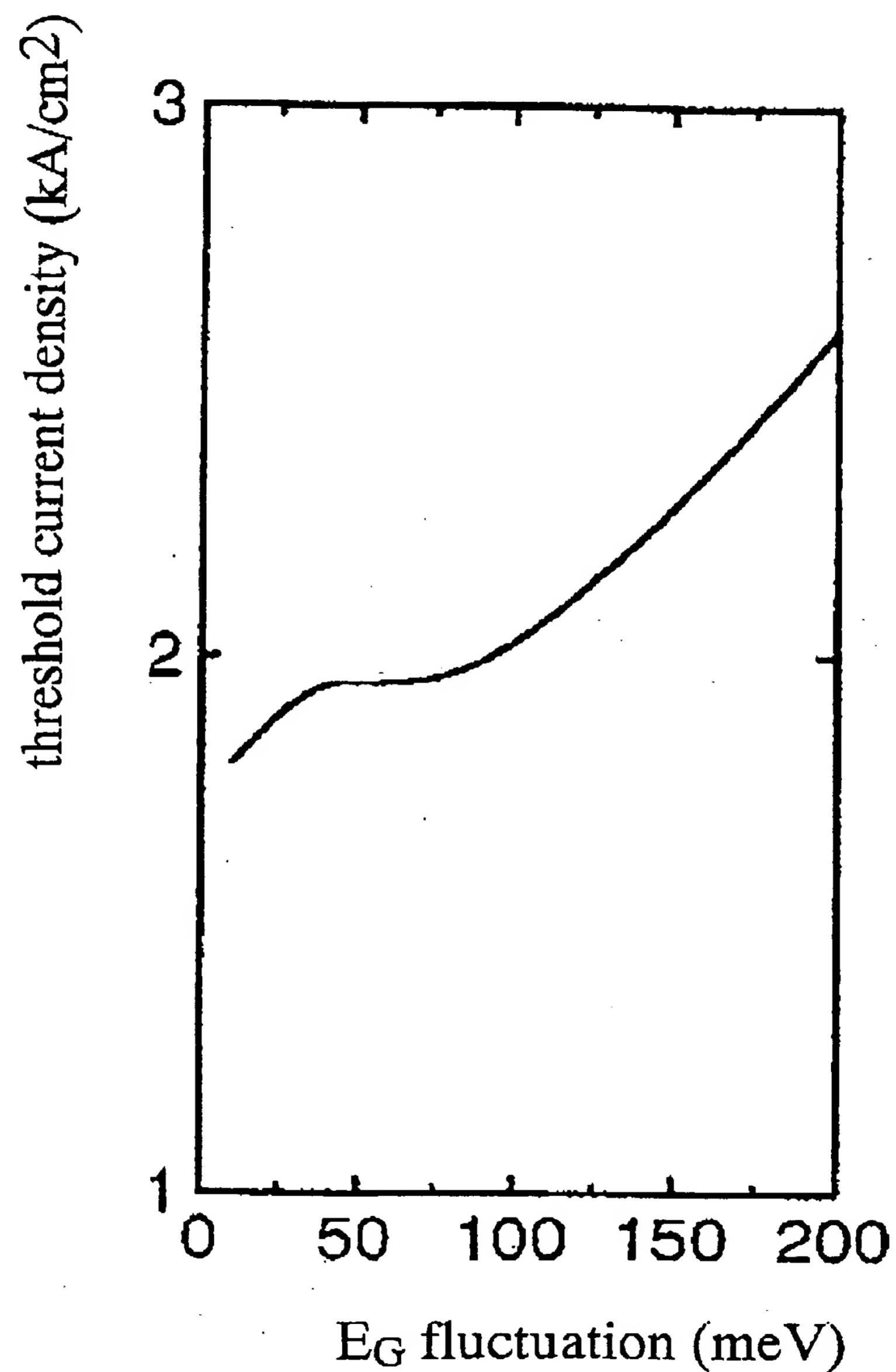


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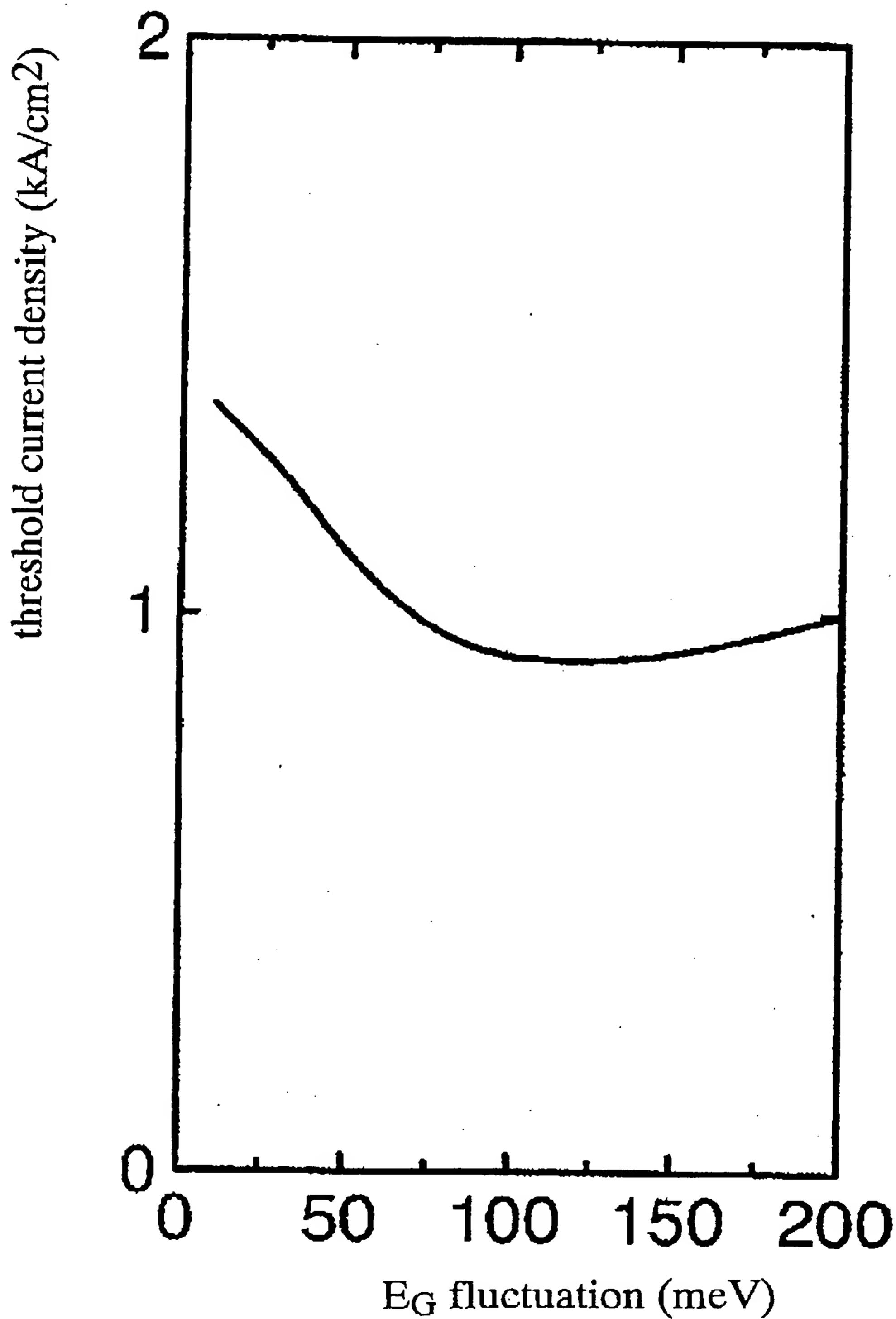


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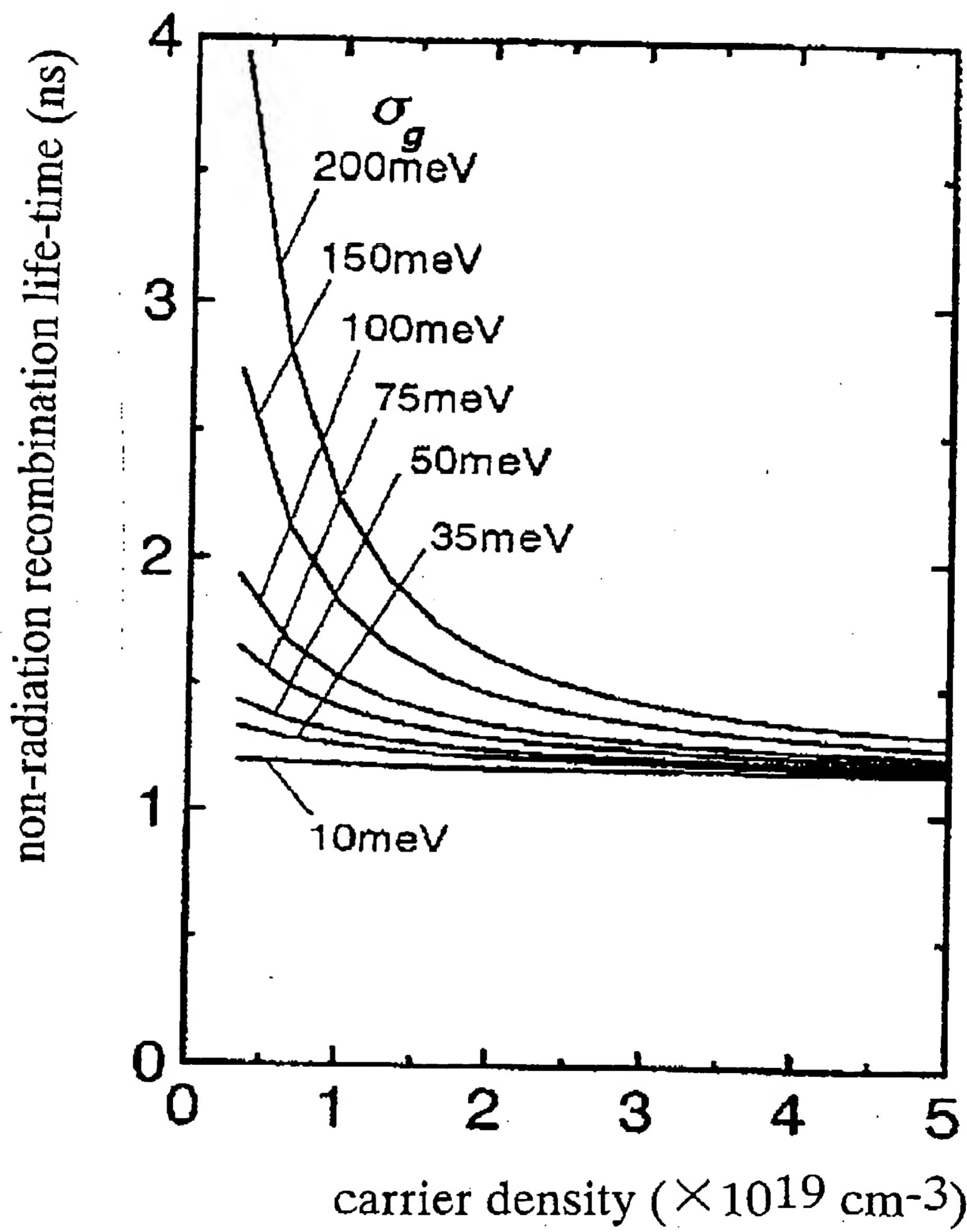


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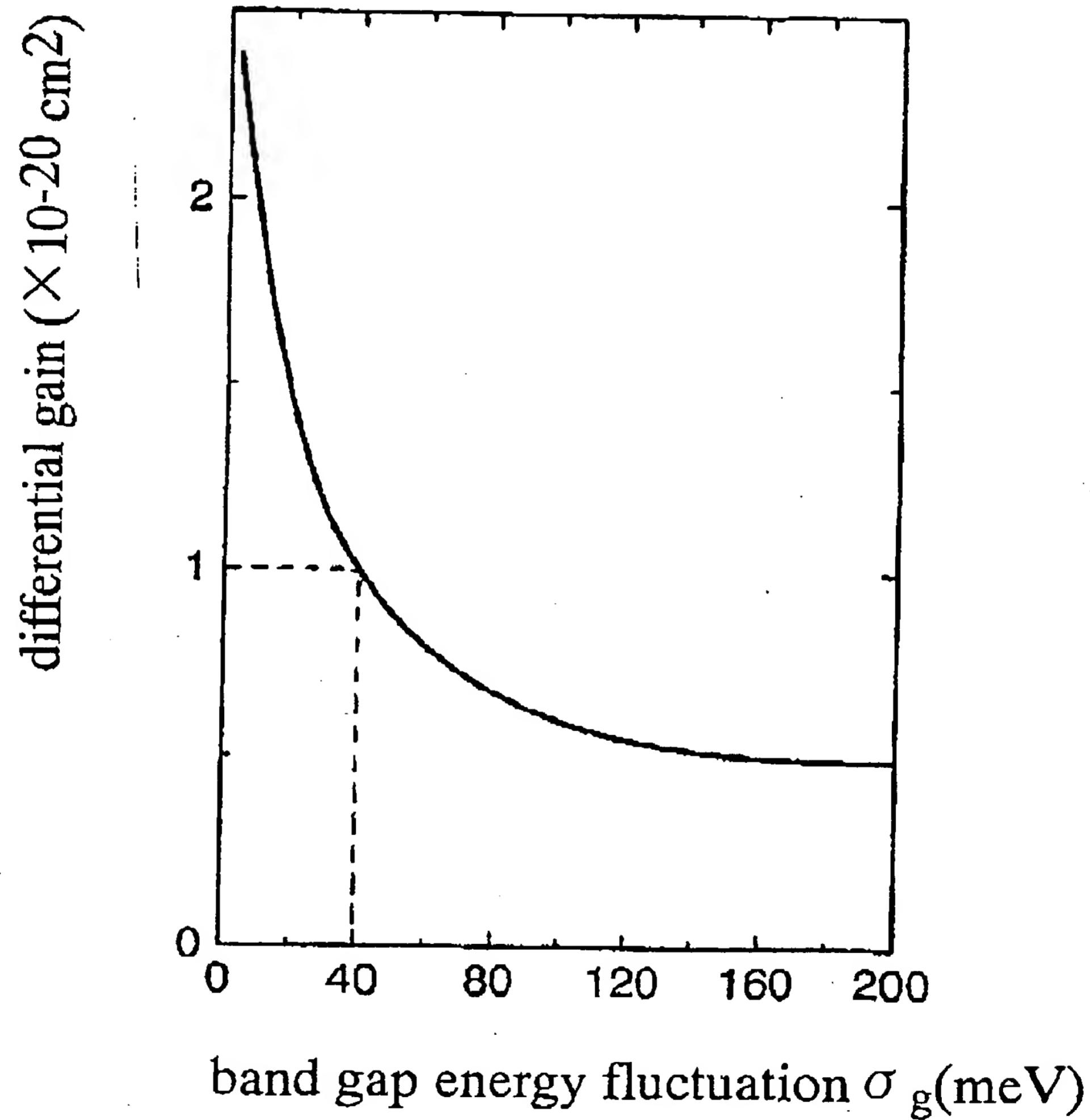


FIG. 11

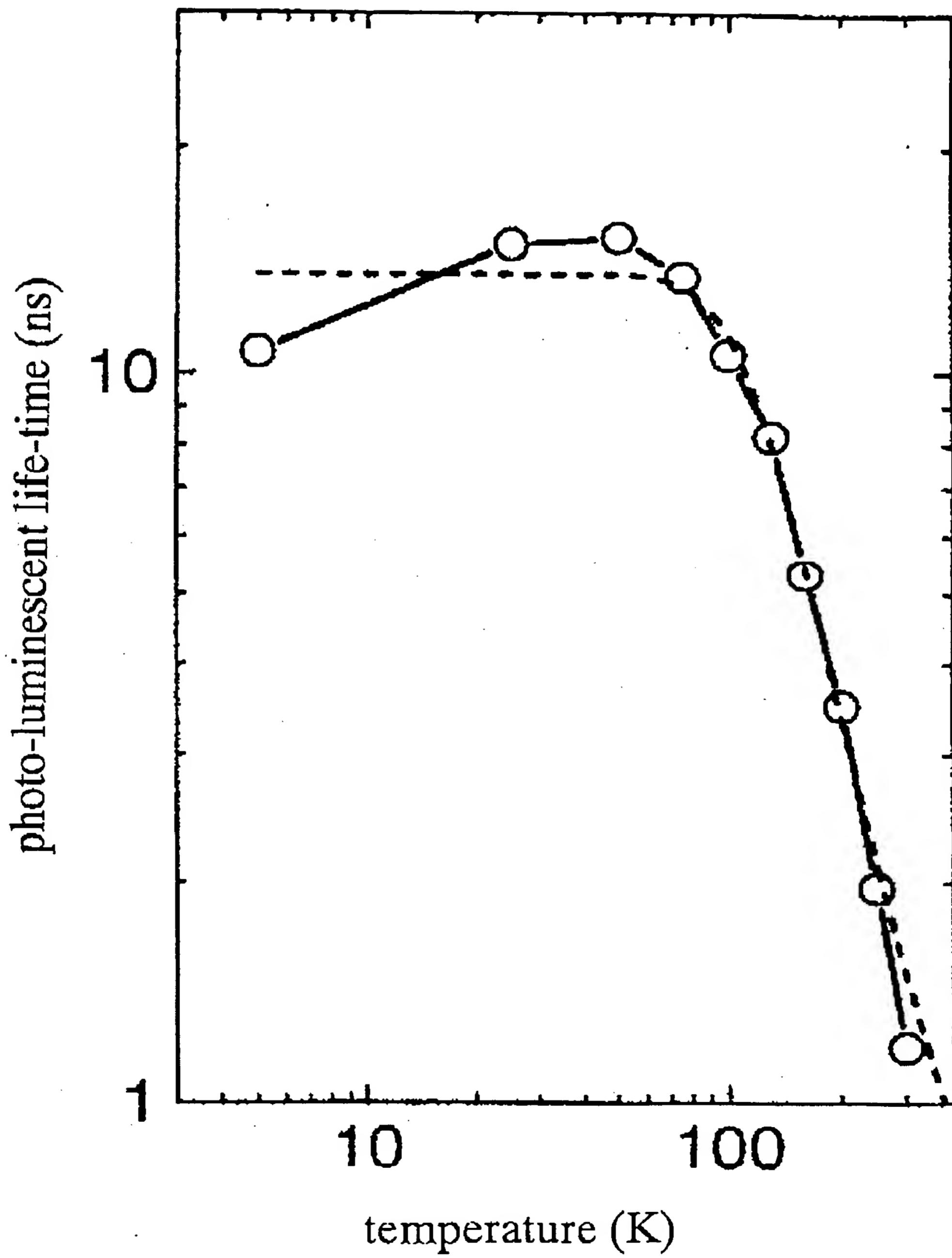


FIG. 12A

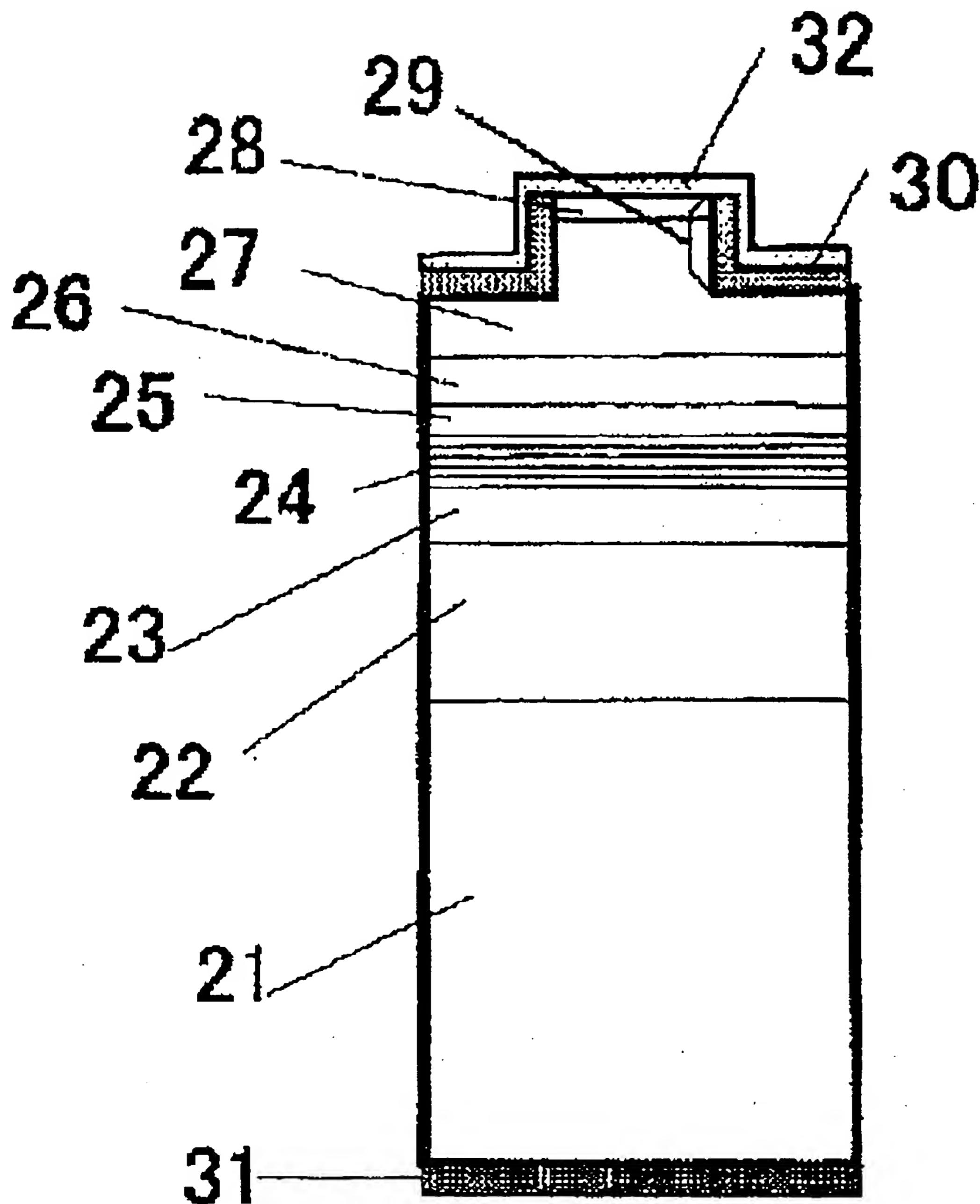


FIG. 12B

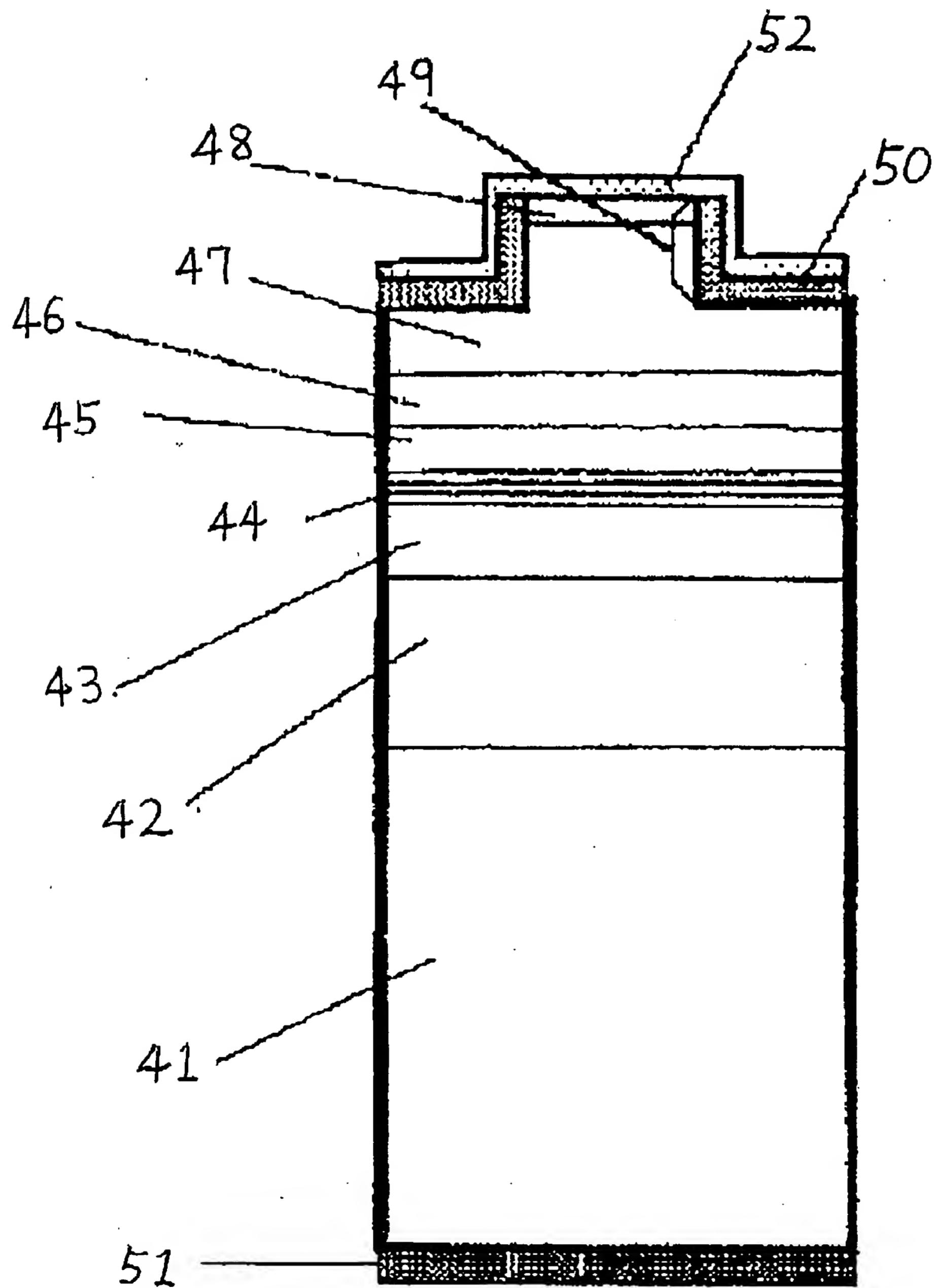


FIG. 13

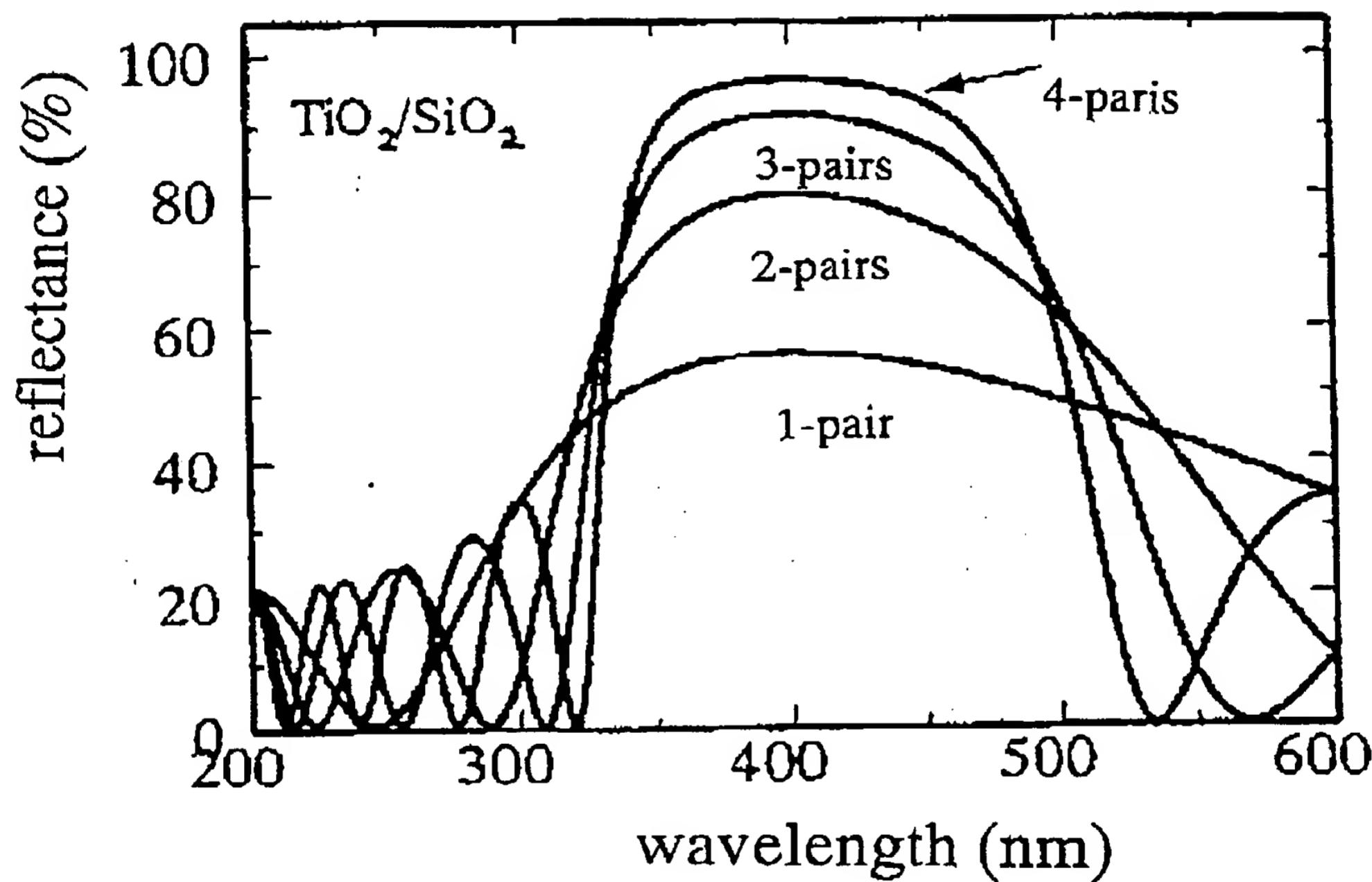


FIG. 14

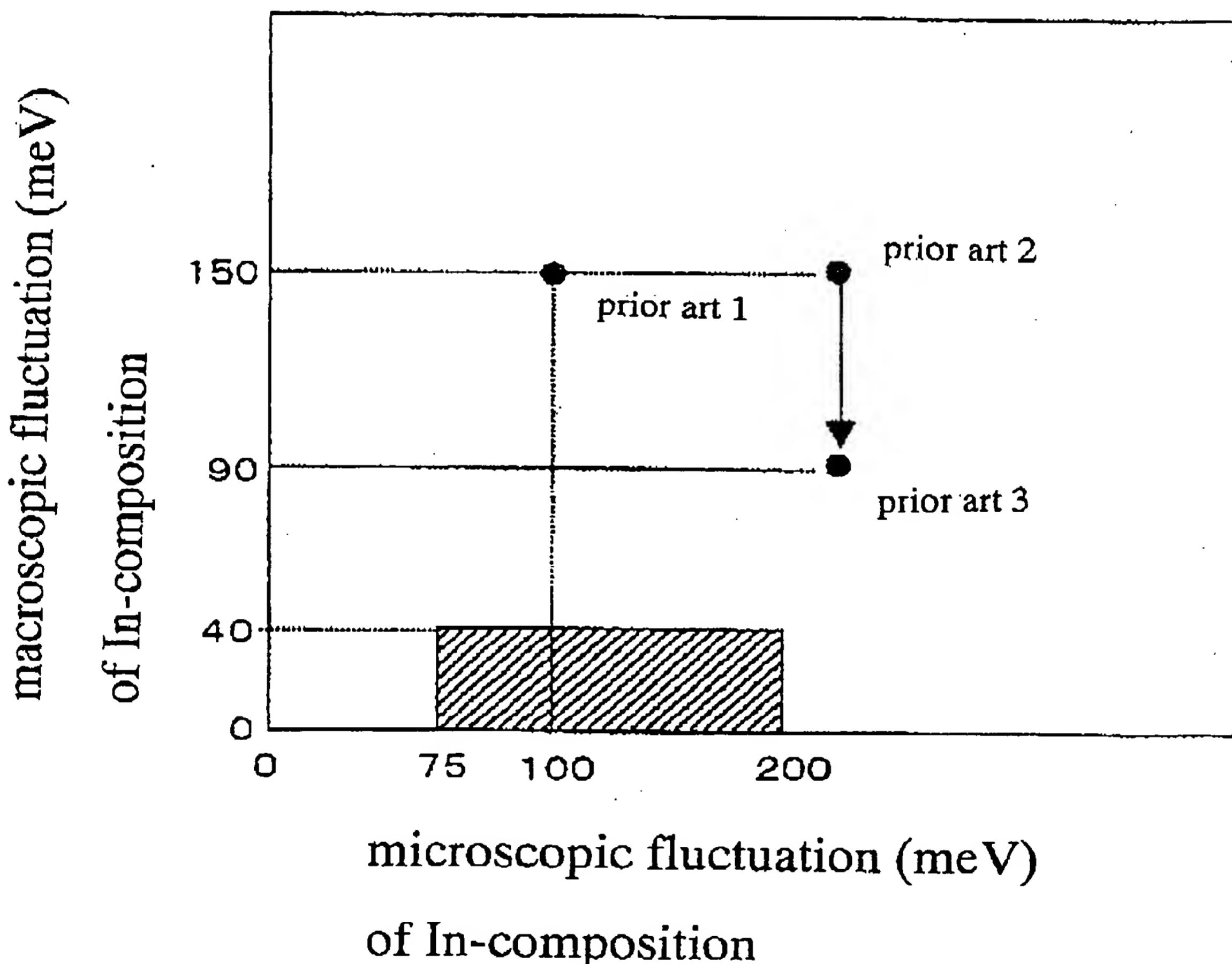


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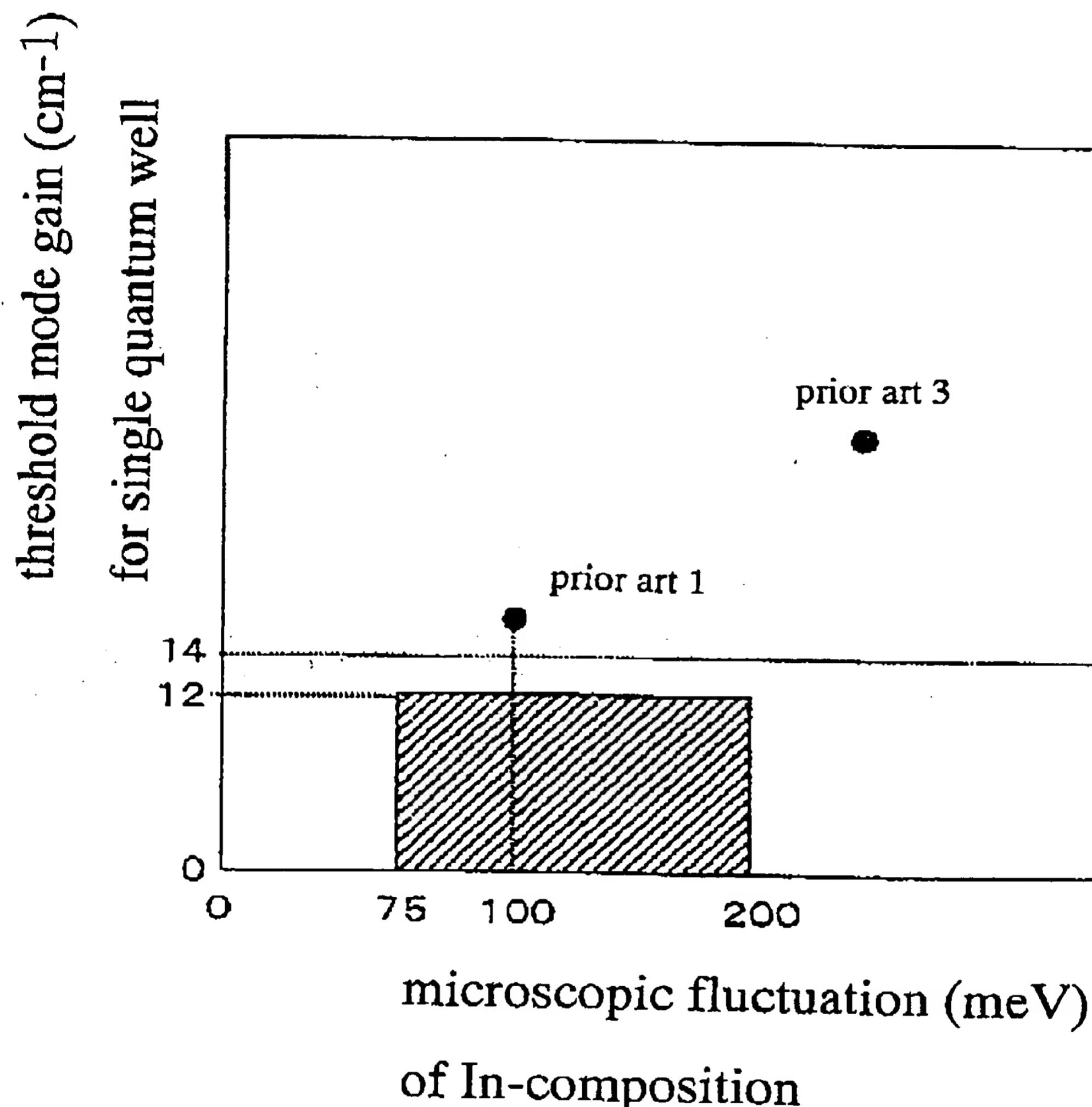


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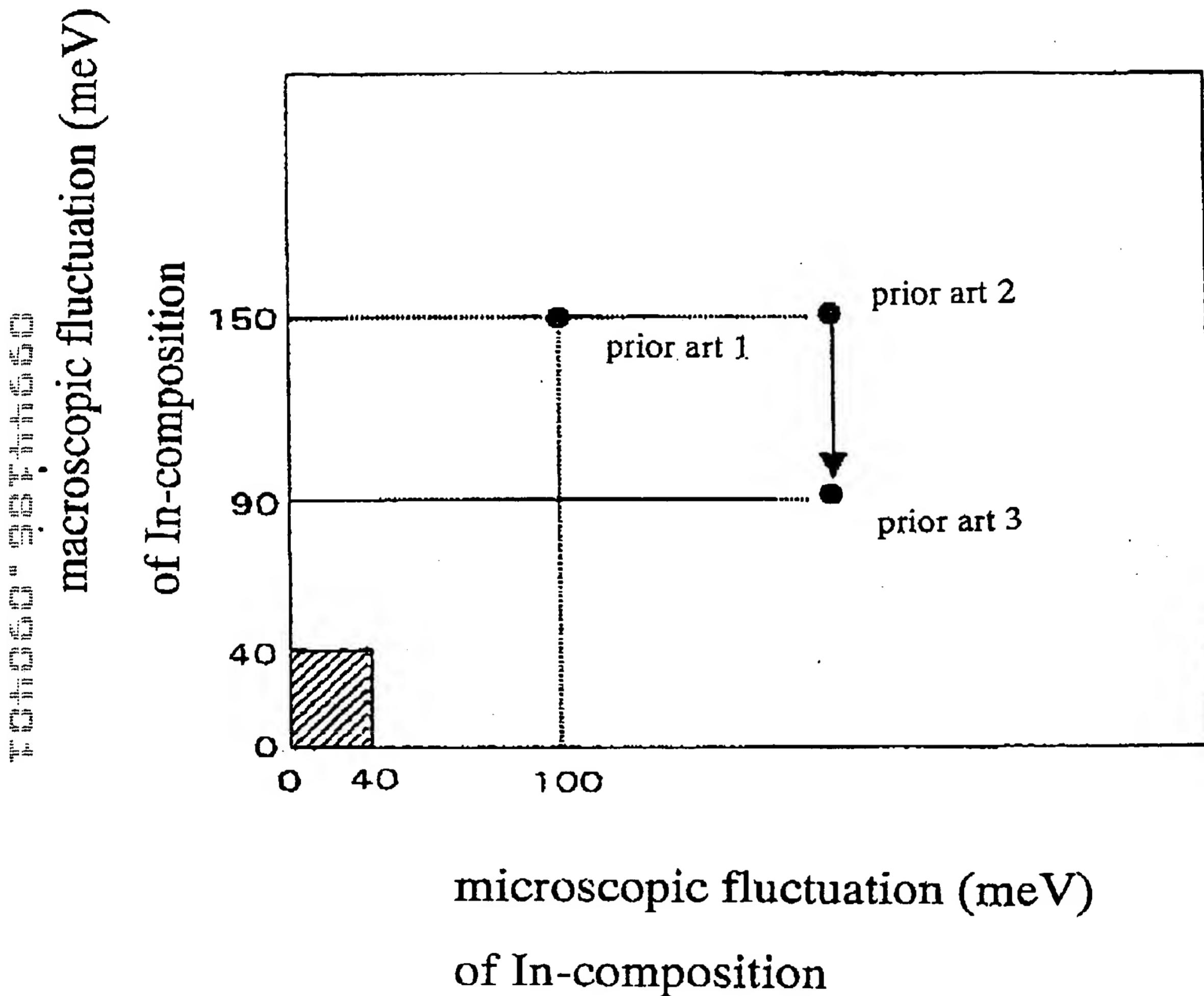


FIG. 17

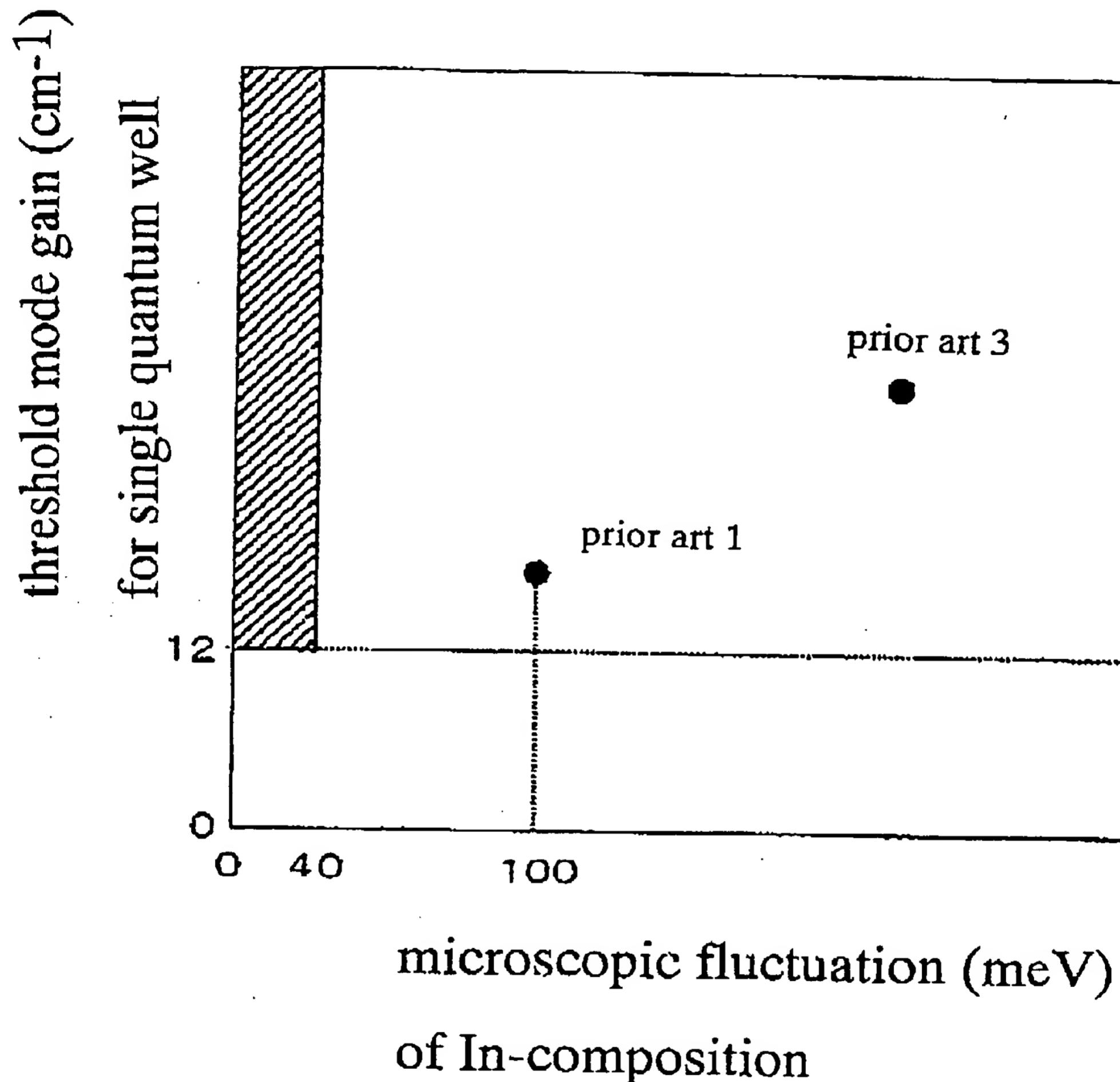


FIG. 18

